

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Ss. Peter & Paul's Church)  
(Saturday, 6th February - Sunday 14th February)**

<b>Saturday:</b>	6.30 p.m.	Paddy Kenny
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Nancy Edgely (Month's Mind) Peter & Francis Edgely
	12 noon	Rita & Kieran Gavin
<b>Monday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	- -
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"NOVENA"</b> James & Lena Lennon, T. P. Kelly & Jack Gallagher, Martin Gallagher
<b>Tuesday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
<b>Ash Wednesday:</b>	7.30 a.m.	For the intentions of all present
	9.30 a.m.	Frank & Mary Denis (nee McEvoy)
	7.30 p.m.	For the intentions of all present
<b>Thursday:</b>	7.30 a.m.	
	9.30 a.m.	Pat Ward
<b>Friday:</b>	7.30 a.m.	
	9.30 a.m.	Patrick, Bridget & William Anthony Elliott
	7.30 p.m.	<b>"SHARED MASS"</b> Paddy Boyne (M. Mind) Molly Dowling (1st Anniversary) Patrick, Bridget & William Anthony Elliott, Jack Devine, Jimmy & Lily O'Connor, Mary O'Hara, Esther Fallon, Jimmy Redmond, Tommy Freeburne, Paddy Casey, George & Kathleen Newman, Bridie Connolly, Joe, Ned & Annie Connelly, Kathleen, Killian & Doreen Donohoe.
<b>Saturday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Cathal O'Kelly & Wally & Rita Kelly
	6.30 p.m.	Mary Kelly (1st Anniversary)
<b>Sunday:</b>	9.00 a.m.	Mass for the People of the Parish
	10.30 a.m.	Mary Mannion
	12 noon	Laurence & Pat O'Connell & deceased of

**REST IN PEACE**

**SR. CANISIUS DUFFY, S.M., R.I.P.,** Marist Convent, Sundrive Road, Dublin  
& Clonark, Athlone.

**NOEL NICHOLSON, R.I.P.,** Limerick, and formerly of Cornafulla South  
May God grant them eternal rest and comfort and console their bereaved families relatives and friends.

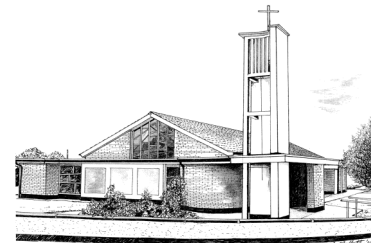
**OFFERTORY COLLECTION: Sunday, 31st January .....€2,000**



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**Newsletter**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**7th FEBRUARY 2016**



Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. — Lk 5:10-11

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass (2001), 1998, 1970 CCD.

## REFLECTION - FISHING SKILLS

Have you ever tried your luck at fishing? My first attempt was at Otaki beach, at the age of seven. The discovery of a small pool teeming with tiny tadpoles promised an easy catch. My brother and I made a net from a hoop and old stocking. That day I learnt a lesson. God will and grit was not enough to catch even one fish.



The men we read about in today's Gospel were skilled fishermen. They knew a lot about catching fish. However, they knew that the catch itself was not just hard work. Good fishermen had to be multi skilled. They studied weather and tide patterns; they knew how to work alone as well as in a team; they were prepared to be ready at a moment's notice; they were constantly on the alert for sudden weather changes.

They learnt the art of patient waiting - and waiting on a fishing boat in dark or stormy waters can be a cold and lonely experience. They also knew that even with the best of preparations and all the good will and grit in the world, a good catch was never guaranteed.

Jesus is multi skilled too. He has a special skill in patiently waiting for tides to turn. Our presence at this Sunday Eucharist is living proof that the fishing and teaching skills he taught Peter and his companions are still very much alive today. (Kathryn Williams pddm)

**LENT.....THE SEASON LENT** begins next Wednesday, 10th Feb. Lent is a special period of 40 days preparation for our celebration of Easter. **ASH WEDNESDAY** is a day of FAST & ABSTINENCE. Ashes will be distributed during the 7.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m. & 7.30 p.m. Masses.



**FR. JOHN would like you to join him for a Community Mass in Monksland Community Centre on Thursday, 11th Feb. at 8 p.m. followed by a cup of tea. All welcome!**

**Chapel of Adoration, Year of Mercy Holy Hour, Ash Wednesday 8 - 9 p.m.** Fr. John Deignan, Ss. Peter & Paul's will speak at the Holy Hour. All welcome. Further enquires Sr. Kathryn 087-3170964

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.....PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**  
29th June - 6th July. Early booking discount. Book before Feb. 17th and receive €50 reduction per person. Contact Gerry Kinneavy 087-2249621 or Mary Mulligan 090-64-92045 or 087-293633. More Information later

**St Peter's School is taking applications for enrolment for Sept. 2016. St. Peter's is a senior primary school for girls aged 7-13 yrs. with a dedicated class for boys and girls with Special Educations Needs. An open day to meet the pupils and staff on Thursday, 11th Feb. from 1-3 p.m. Enquiries welcome at 090-6492363. Darina Dolan, Principal**

## DRUM MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	6th	8 p.m.	Mary & Joseph Duignan, Clonellan
Sun.	7th	10 a.m.	Kathleen Naughton, Thomastown
Mon.	8th		No Mass
Tues.	9th	7 p.m.	Michael Berrigan, Clonark
Wed.	10th	7 p.m.	Michael Naughton, Culfatha & Sussex <b>Followed by Stations of the Cross for Lent</b>
Thur.	11th	7 p.m.	Mass
Fri.	12th	7 p.m.	Pat Fallon, Cornafulla
<b>Sat.</b>	<b>13th</b>	<b>10.30 a.m.</b>	<b>William Macken, Creggane, &amp; Kitty Harney, Summerhill (Month's Mind)</b>
Sat.	13th	8 p.m.	Paddy & Margaret Mulvey, also Jim Hynes, Johnstown
Sun.	14th	10 a.m.	Thanksgiving Mass for the People of the Parish <i>Presentation of Gifts: Saturday 13th: Team 1. Servers: Saturday 13th: Team 11. Sunday 14th: Team 2</i>

**THANKSGIVING MASS:** the parents, brother and sister of Eoghan McManus, Nure, are having a thanksgiving Mass for all the people who prayed and helped during his illness. All are invited to a cup of tea in Drum Parish Hall after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, 14th February.

**ROSCOMMON/ATHLONE PIONEER DINNER DANCE** on Saturday, 13th February in Hudson Bay Hotel at 8.30 p.m. Tickets €35.  
For further inform contact Collette Harney or Julia Naughton.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MAIN BELL CIRCLE WINNERS FOR 1st FEBRUARY.**  
€200: Gary Connaughton; €50: Annette Moran & €30: Leah Lafferty

**Cornafulla Enrolment/ Open Evening** on Thur. 11th Feb. from 6.30 - 8 p.m. . Contact school at 090-6437177.

**Valentine Evening Concert** with St. Patrick's Brass Band. Sat. 13th Feb. at 8 p.m. Moore Hall,, Ballydangan. Entry €5. Promised great entertainment and fantastic raffle prizes. All proceeds to 5th Roscommon Moore Scout group.

**DIVINE MERCY HEALING MASS** at the Ark Centre 23 Mitchell Tce. Athlone on Fr. 12th Feb. at 7.30 p.m. Celebrant Fr. Jim Candon. Eucharistic Blessing afterwards.

**St. Joseph's Primary School, Summerhill, Athlone Open Night** for new enrolments on Mon. 15th Feb. from 6 - 8 p.m. Come and see the school and meet the Principal and staff. Enrolment forms call be obtained by telephoning the school on 0906492037

## CLONOWN MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	7th Feb.	Hugh Roche
Sunday	13th March	Deceased of Shine family, Curnaboll